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BALANCED NEWS, FEARLESS VIEWS

ACCIDENTAL TOURISTS
President Macapagal-Arroyo
convenes her entire Cabinet in Boracay on Tuesday
after which she and company turn their backs on the troubled
waters of the state to bask and bask their feet and breathe in that clear, crisp
sea air. The last break away, Ms. Arroyo returns to the work at hand, which is to encourage
Philippines to travel in their own country to keep the country afloat through the global economic crisis.
"Blythe is, blythe is no" (Take a trip, it's vacation time) is the catchphrase. (Story on Page A6.)

Mike hits LP, backs Merci



Leave her alone, says GMA husband

By Michael Lim Uloc and Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO'S HUSBAND, Jose Miguel "Mike" Arroyo, yesterday came to the defense of beleaguered Ambassador Mercedes Gutierrez, the target of an impeachment case in the House of Representatives.

Mike Arroyo, who belonged to the same batch at the Ateneo Law School as Gutierrez, said those seeking the Ambassador's removal from office should lay off her. He charged having dinner with Gutierrez, who was Mike Arroyo's chief presidential legal counsel and acting justice secretary before the President's appointment as Ambassador.

"We were not even in the same batch at the Ateneo Law School as Gutierrez, said those seeking the Ambassador's removal from office should lay off her. He charged having dinner with Gutierrez, who was Mike Arroyo's chief presidential legal counsel and acting justice secretary before the President's appointment as Ambassador.

According to him, it is former Solicitor General, Nemesio Arroyo, vice chair of the Liberal Party

Bangit gets CA's okay after Ping grilling

By Christine G. Arcandata

ALTRONIC CONVENTOR Ping chief of staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines will get his promotion as a three-star general today after receiving the unanimous nod of the Commission on Appointments subcommittee on national defense.

But it was not a walk in the park for Southern Luzon Command chief Maj. Gen. Delino Bangit who had to endure tough grilling at a Senate



"THE EMPEROR" That's the code name of Palawan's Maj. Gen. Delino Bangit during his tenure as chief of staff.

Automated elections 'impossible'

By Lella B. Salaverria

DON'T BAYE YET ON A FULLY automated 2010 election.

The House committee on suffrage yesterday passed a "no-pinpoint bill" to the Commission on Elections' supplemental national budget that provides for increased voting and manual counting of votes, but the electronic transmission of the results. The bill was endorsed by Gov. Rep. Roldo Garcia, who said full automation of elections was "indefinitely impossible" and was not actually allowed under the present constitution law.

APRIL 10 / A11

Now, it's PNP that owes 'euro general' money

By Tiana Quinsada

IN AN IRONIC TWIST, IT'S NOW the Philippine National Police that owes its "euro general."

The PNP is expected to turn over to retired commander Elmer de la Pina some 60,000 euros that it stands to receive by way from the latter's Russian lawyer Alex Berezovsky.

NOV. 17 / PNP / A1

Complaints vs Legacy swamp SEC

By Joana Los Bako
Inquirer Southern Luzon

MANILA CITY—ABOUT 300 complaints or an average of 50 complaints a week have filed complaints against the Legacy Group, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) said yesterday.

"Of the 260 complaints, about 100 were victims of the double-year-money scheme. The rest were professional, educational

COMPLAINTS / B7

Getting green in Japan: In love with forests

By Fernando del Mundo
(Think of a nation)

MANILA, JAPAN—TODAY forests in nature with forests.

He is growing one, planting

evergreen and pine and hoping they will live for hundreds of years and loved by generations long after he is gone.

The bespectacled green activist has so far planted 3,000

trees in 23 because of a demand park in this mountainous municipality on Ryukyu Island, where claims to fame is the Minatara dam.

SPECIAL REPORT

in government aid, continued

pulling from loans.

The push spread on Monday after AIG announced a \$62-billion loss (nearly half a trillion dollars a month), for the fourth quarter, pushing its net loss for 2008 to \$99.3 billion. It was the

biggest quarterly loss in US corporate history.

AIG accepted another \$30 billion in bailout money from the government, which had already pumped some \$180 billion into the insurance firm. It

GETTING / A1

Obama lifts veil on Bush terror tactics

WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT Barack Obama's administration on Monday lifted the veil father on past "war on terror" tactics, releasing legal memos that show how former President George W. Bush gave himself power over tort suspects and revealing the CIA's deposed 92 controversial interrogation videos.

The memos, written by the Bush administration's Office of Legal Counsel, show a government

OBAMA / A17


THESE LITTLE PIGS NEVER MADE IT TO MARKET 1. Pigs infected with swine flu are unloaded in Pandi, Bulacan, by a team from the Bureau of Animal Industry. 2. After the kill, the team collects samples. 3. They're buried in a common pit. 4. And burned. (Story on Page A1.)

WEATHER FORECAST

PHILIPPINE On water surface of sea and through all areas, mostly cloudy with rain and scattered showers and thunderstorms. The sea is moderately rough with seas slightly choppy to heavy chop. Wind is moderate to strong.

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Calabarzon	Calabarzon	Partly Cloudy
Central Luzon	Central Luzon	Partly Cloudy
Western Luzon	Western Luzon	Partly Cloudy
Visayas	Visayas	Partly Cloudy
Mindanao	Mindanao	Partly Cloudy

Source: PAGASA, Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration

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No Minimums or Restrictions

THE SUPREME COURT FRIDAY recommended the Court of Appeals justices and a Sanctioned by the Supreme Court for induction on the Judicial and the Council's short list of nominees to the Judicial not required by

reversibly reduced baseline stability.
Answers:

Appellate court justices Miguel Villanueva and Lucas Hernandez, and San Diego-based justice Francisco Villanueva all received nine votes each from the Supreme Court justices who are in an election session yesterday.

"The SEC rules say the SEC will give due weight to the recommendations of the Supreme Court justices," said lawyer Jon Hides Marquis, Supreme Court spokesperson and assistant

...Manpower confirmed that 18
business, economic and cultural

are the recommended candidates of the Supreme Court in the JBC's deliberations on who to include on the short list from which the President will choose her next appointees to the tribunal.

Villars and Villars were also among the three choices of Eugene Coste just as they

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SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW

- We wish to clarify that the issuance of DENR Administrative Order (DAO) 2008-20 requiring Mineral Ore Export Permit (MOEP) for the overseas transport and shipment of mineral ore is lawful and in accordance with the mandate of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR).
- It is intended basically to address the rampant smuggling and misdeclaration of mineral ore and the non-payment of necessary taxes which has caused the loss of billions of pesos that can actually be used for our children's education and social upliftment.
- In support of local autonomy and as partners in environment protection and natural resources management, the DENR agreed to delegate the issuance of MOEP to the provincial Governors. This is consistent with section 17 of the Local Government Code (RA 7160) which states that the DENR devolved functions shall be "pursuant to national policies and subject to the supervision, control and review of the DENR."
- In fact, despite Section 138 of RA 7160, which limits the permitting power of the Governor only to "sand, gravel and other quarry resources," the DENR also agreed, in support of local autonomy, to administratively devolve to the Provincial Government the "enforcement of the small-scale mining law, subject to the policies, standards and guidelines of DENR." (DENR Administrative Order 30, series of 1992).
- Thus, the issuance of DAO 2008-20 which aims to encourage responsible mining, payment to correct taxes and deter illegal export of mineral ore, is consistent with the mining law (RA 7942) and the Local Government Code (RA 7160).
- Given the responsibility of the DENR, we have always considered the local government units (LGUs) as important partners in environmental protection and natural resources management.
- We therefore, urge the concerned Governors to support our efforts towards responsible mining and environmental protection.

"God endowed the Philippines with so much natural wealth which we must collectively manage and protect, not only for us but also for the coming generation."

(Sgt.) JOSE L. ATIENZA, III,
Secretary

(Published in the Philippine Daily Inquirer February 28, 2009)

SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW THE TRUTH

DENR Secretary Lito Atienza's reply to the open letter of the League of Provinces regarding his illegal issuance of DAO-2008-20 requiring a Mineral Ore Export Permit (MOEP) for overseas transport and shipment is simply and arrogantly misleading.

- There is no basis in fact or in law for the issuance of DAO 2008-20. The plain truth is that there is no provision whatsoever in the Philippine Mining Act of 1995 (R.A. 7942) or any of the small-scale mining laws that empower him to issue such an order which practically expanded and amended the Philippine Mining Act. A mere department order cannot supersede a law! *The issuance of DAO 2008-20 is therefore illegal, unconstitutional and an insult to the wisdom of Congress which is constitutionally vested with the power of legislation.*
- Sec. Atienza's issuance of DAO 2008-20 runs counter to his alleged intention of addressing rampant smuggling and misdeclaration of taxes. Sec. Atienza must have forgotten that the basis of smuggling, either by undervaluation and misdeclaration of actual type and quantity, is the validation report of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau (MGB), an agency directly under the DENR and representing the Office of the Secretary in the field. Determining the exact type, quantity and quality of mineral ores to be exported is within the responsibility of the MGB-DENR Regional Director. *Adding another layer of bureaucracy to the already comprehensive Ore Transport Permit (OTP) process is actually promoting smuggling!*
- Wherever signs or issues the MOEP is not the main issue. We are strongly asserting that the MOEP will not solve the problem of smuggling, misdeclaration and non-payment of mining related taxes which are the rationale given to advance the need for the same. We welcome devolved functions especially so if it will enhance and consolidate our authority to manage our environment and natural resources. *The MOEP does fall in this category because it undermines the Governors' authority. It is a power vested specifically by law not by devolution.*
- *Sec. 138 of the Local Government Code (R.A. 7160) does not limit the permitting power of the Governor but grants exclusive permitting power to the government in the extraction of sand, gravel and other quarry resources. Sec. 484 of R.A. 7160 further devolved to the province the promotion of small-scale mining. DAO 1992-30, issued by the predecessor of Sec. Atienza, merely gave flesh and bone to the said provision of R.A. 7160. It was not a concession agreed to by the DENR.*
- Sec. Atienza has failed to justify that MOEP would promote responsible mining and payment of correct taxes. How can centralizing the process in Manila, where there are no mining activities, achieve the goal of responsible mining and payment of correct taxes? In fact, this could be a source of corruption for people in Manila who could solicit the signature of Secretary Atienza in behalf of the miners in the provinces. *After all the only difference between the Ore Transport Permit and the MOEP is the signature of Sec. Atienza.*
- The remedies contained in the Mining Act and its existing guidelines are sufficient to encourage responsible mining, the payment of correct taxes and deter illegal export of mineral ore. The Ore Transport Permit System within the Mining Act provides is one of the remedies created by law, not the MOEP which unnecessarily complicates the procedure and creates another hierarchy of officials to deal and talk with. *We reiterate that, it is a cardinal principle that an authority delegated by law to one office cannot be rendered ineffective by a mere administrative act as it will be an invasion of the exclusive domain of Congress.*
- The environmental protection and natural resources management concerns are simply too enormous and complicated to be handled by the national government alone. DENR must count on the provinces as its principal partner by involving us in all stages of project implementation in our respective areas of jurisdiction. *We need more meaningful collaborations, not confrontations. One possible area of collaboration is the strengthening of the OTP system minus the extra bureaucratic red tape inherent in the MOEP system.*
- Instead of the Secretary making an appeal to the Provincial Governors it should be the other way around. *The Honorable Secretary must support the strengthening of the OTP system by curing it of whatever inherent weaknesses it may have rather than putting another burden on the shoulders of the small-scale miners who have limited capitalization.*

The MOEP is illegal, counter productive and could simply put the final nail to the coffin of the ailing mining industry!

LEAGUE OF PROVINCES OF THE
PHILIPPINES

Warning to impersonators: Cops' uniforms now patented

By Tara Quintanilla

POWERS CAN NOW ENFORCE PRIVATE RIGHTS in one respect: of intellectual property and as not wearers who don the uniform.

The Philippine National Police (PNP) recently secured patents for the design, marks, patterns and ornaments of all uniforms of the police force—from the tactical wear of its special response and assault teams to the day-to-day uniforms.

"All manufacturers and suppliers must only distribute PNP uniforms according to specifications. There are also many offshore sellers who claim that they are not according to standards," said police community relations chief Gerardo Lina.

He said all makers and distributors of police uniforms are now required to secure a license from PNP's Crime Control and Safety Unit

before official specifications down to the last patch and buttonhole.

The PNP took these steps following reports that fake police uniforms, readily available in online stores, have been used by robbers and other criminals.

For a while, the Metro Manila police office stopped using the black uniforms of its Special Weapons and Tactics teams because it had been used several times in burglaries.

PNP chief Director General Jose Veneno stated makers and makers of fake uniforms that will face charges of violations of the intellectual property law. Despite use of trademark and copyright of uniforms.

"Last week, we conducted an initial meeting with manufacturers and suppliers so that we can make sure that they are only those materials that are authorized," Veneno said in an interview.

Corrections

IN THE FEB. 25 ISSUE, an article on Page 46—"Battering spouse history on marital law years"—misstated the surname of the author of "Marital Law Diary." The author's name is **Martha Villanueva**—not **Nagatosa**.

IN THE FEB. 27 ISSUE, a Lifestyle article on Page 13—"Time to shed out fashion"—misstated the surname of a society columnist. The columnist's name is **Tina Pineda-Villalva**—not **Tina Villalva Pineda**.

IN THE FEB. 28 ISSUE, a front-page photo caption misstated the source of the photo of the street "Pangasinan." The photo is **Kanayana**—not **Kanayana**.

IN THE MARCH 1 ISSUE, the "Method to Madness" column by Patricia Fernandez—"Napit"—on Page A12 of the Opinion section misstated the rank of retired military officer **Arvin Polanco**. Polanco's rank upon retirement was major general—**not** brigadier general.

IN THE MARCH ISSUE, a Lifestyle article on Page 46—"The technologists offer five answers to Bataan"—misstated the first name of a person. The person's name is **Jerry**—not **Jermy**—**Embo**.

IN THE MARCH 2 ISSUE, the "Inevitable" column by Sharon A. Fanden—"General Danny Lim, called with answer"—on Page 812 of the Opinion section misstated the surname of a Manila Regional Trial Court judge. The judge's name is **Jose M. Alameda**—not **Alameda**.

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Bangit gets CA's okay after Ping grilling

By Armin Lacsina
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Lacson said Bangit and his associates in the Philippine Military Academy had made his life miserable when he was a newly commissioned colonel in 2001.

Bangit's promotion to lieutenant general comes a day before Congress goes for a month-long recess.

He is said to be one of those being considered to succeed AFP chief in Chief Gen. Amoroso D. Tio, who retired this January.

Healthy process

Receiving from the island's first richest that lasted 40 million, a fellow-bangit said it was a healthy process.

"I was given the opportunity to respond and answer my critics," Bangit told reporters. He declined to elaborate.

Bangit had responded the previous session after he was named to succeed Tio.

An informed Lacson spokesman said Bangit was an affidavit sworn by the senator's former

colony by the senator's former secretary, himself, during that time. Ping, then apparently discredited the participation of the general and his associates in the 1984-Gas of 1978 to make the senator's life miserable.

"We practically ganged up on him," Lacson said.

Bangit was head of President Macapagal's Presidential Security Group at the time that Lacson was accused of covering senior personnel and bank accounts in the United States.

Fishing expedition

Upon questioning by Lacson, Bangit admitted that he knew about a fishing expedition for the US Navy. Bangit admitted that he knew about a fishing expedition for the US Navy.

Lacson found Bangit's admission to be a fishing expedition for the US Navy.

The Bangit said that in the end, the fishing expedition for the US Navy was a failure.



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would not stop questioning him until "the senator I hear the truth."

Not convinced

"As long as I am not convinced you are telling the truth, I will not stop until I hear the truth," Lacson said.

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Not, or how disappointed the president and the senate by other changes he brought against him.

In all these, Bangit replied to the negative. Bangit said he was not paid by Lacson in the barracks deal with the PDP.

No too much politics

Sen. Francisco from Iloilo said that the subcommittee will recommend at today's commission plenary the promotion of Bangit. He said the decision was premature.

Bangit and his associates were still with Bangit's explanations.

"We have submitted not only Bangit, but also the other candidates, to the Armed Forces from two months ago," Lacson said.

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Improve success back in the military and security efforts and Macapagal had already as in my own hands as the new AFP chief of staff.

It is already premature. (Dineson, General Amoroso) in the PDP and Bangit is just for the 2013 election," Lacson said.

The 'emperor'

Bangit had been criticized for throwing a lavish Christmas party while he was chief of the intelligence service of the AFP (Bangit) in 2006.

The same day, "Long live the Emperor" said Bangit, who was the emperor "Emperor" showed the guests with his photo.

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Now, it's PNP ...

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COVERING A FOREST ALL HIS OWN. The Sawahito (second from right) has planted 1,000 trees in the hills of Magsaysay in the Japanese island of Sapporo after 11 years have passed his country. The 47-year-old Magsaysay began his work and began to work with the PDP for 100 years for generations to build and prosper.

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BAGUIO FLOWER FESTIVAL

City cashes in on 'Panagbenga'

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 Baguio City

BAGUIO CITY TREASURER THELMA HAMMACK has every reason to be happy. Despite an economic crash that has brought sufferings to some companies at the Baguio Export Processing Zone, the city collected its first earnings from an income-generating enterprise—the new popular Panagbenga (Baguio Flower Festival).

Manila was all smiles when she received on Feb. 23 more than P1.1 million in Hammar's check from lawyer Gerson Thompson Jr., the coordinator of the Panagbenga "Market Income."

"This coming... alone is record-breaking," she says. Last year, the city collected only P552,000 from the Market Income, a business income tax in which tax stalls in an area at the Burnham Park are rented out to small and medium-scale entrepreneurs to feature products and crafts from the Cordillera and other regions, including as far as Illinois.

Landscapes

For those who think the market area would not simply appear like a business zone city or a village (flow market), Baguio, one of the founders of the Panagbenga, encouraged localism and biodiversity to compete in landscaping with flowers and plants.

Admitted in the landscape are 210 single square-foot stalls, which are not just products—flowers, food and gourmet, herbs and other delicacies in small amounts, items, clothes, bags and locally produced soups and more in CDs and DVDs.

The city government registered more and more in only a P2,500 business fee, P300 mayor's permit and P200 garbage fee, as a total of P3,200, to cover the festival's duration from Feb. 14 to March 4.

Manila says the city government expects more revenue from stalls along Burnham Park where this year's theme

is "The Colors of the Cordillera."

"If each of these general stalls is a 100-square-foot P1,000 stall, they can take, they can actually pump up P500 million to P700 million to the city's treasury," he says.

The influx of visitors who

flowers are in bloom has become a success story.

Before 1993, the local economy would be in the doldrums from February to March. The government would have to be in a hurry during the first week of the festival to get the city's economy up and running.

But Hammar transferred a large amount from a July season

for business.

Inconveniences

Despite some inconvenience such as traffic jams and water shortages, Panagbenga remains to be a success story and small entrepreneurs and the city government.

Ros Uy-Lirio, 46, a resident of Baguio, says the Market Income has given her an opportunity to



BAGUIO CITY's yearly "Panagbenga" (Baguio Flower Festival) draws tourists who bring in cash from a wedding, business operation.

many in display and will to move down the landscaped landscape and surrounding areas. She has flowers, Manila, and she has flowers in her village, she knows from the business district.

"Without this Market Income," she says, people would not see products because they display only in our home in Manila," she says.

Baguio suggests that the

city government invest more to help localism as a business proposition, which has proved successful.

The initiative, he proposes that a permanent area for the Market Income be established, complete with drainage, water and electricity well-maintained plants and flowers to continuously bring the Panagbenga business and spirit.



REVISED NOTICE OF WATER SERVICE INTERRUPTION

MAYNILAD is upgrading its pipe network in Manila as part of its continuous effort to improve water service in the West Zone.

Duration: March 5, 2009 (11:00 AM) until March 10, 2009 (12:00 AM)
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Across the NATION

US hands off on kidnap of ICRC men

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—US Ambassador Kristie Kenney stated on Tuesday the direct involvement of the United States in efforts to secure the release of the three kidnapped workers of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Sulu.

Kenney issued the statement on Tuesday after a meeting with senior representatives of the State of Brunei Darussalam, Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah and his son, Prince Jefri Bolkiah, in the Sultan's residence in Bandar Seri Begawan.

The three ICRC workers were kidnapped by three "bounty" groups just outside the Sulu province capital of Jolo, in the early morning hours of Jan. 15.

"We are not part of the operation. The police and military are working on it," she said during Monday's meeting here at the P20-million United Nations police regional special training facility.

Kenney said she believes that the local police and the military were capable of retrieving the hostages.

A number of ICRC have been arrested in Sulu and have been charged with human rights violations in the province, which is among the ICRC's poorest area.

Kenney also called on the Abu Sayyaf to immediately release their workers.

"We have been saying that it's completely unorthodox for them to be kidnapping people, especially when they are not even in the area of operations," she said.

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LOWE CHAIR
This single wheelchair was up for grabs when veteran guerillas and soldiers of World War II engaged in the local resource affairs office at Camp Abiao to take their benefits.

Ex-gas firm employee nabbed for death in mishap

By Marko Reyes

MANILA (Philippine Daily Inquirer) — A former employee of a gas company who was the sports utility vehicle he was driving when it crashed into a building, killing a 10-year-old boy, was nabbed for the crime.

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Cops say radioman hurt in accident, not slay try

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OFWs who have been allowed to stay in the state OFWs office in Paoay City.

INVITATION FOR BIDS

THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT is seeking proposals for the construction of a new building for the Department of Education, Division Office - General Santos City.

Interested bidders should submit their proposals to the Procurement Office, Department of Education, Division Office - General Santos City, by the deadline date.

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14 laid-off OFWs get P50,000 in gov't loans

By Jhonathan Magallanes
Inquirer Staff

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—FOURTEEN OFWs who were laid-off by their employers in the Philippines are now receiving P50,000 in government loans.

The loans are being provided by the Department of Education, Division Office - General Santos City.

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Dr. Paul H. Poth and CLAMMERS were
in Denver about 10 1/2 and 11:00
hours.

"At the end of the day I will be judged by the results we will be getting."

Aggung led back the PSC, more than 100 members from the action he took against the Philippine Amusement and Gaming Association (PAGA).

Aggung on Thursday called on the Philippine Amusement Gaming Corp., a government agency to stop paying taxes and to divest itself of the business, as well as to shut down the casinos that had already been opened through the PSC.

Under an agreement, which Aggung said was "illegal," the Paga received 10% of P50 million from Aggung per year.



While there are no specific Anti-Corruption

...that the
luminous blue-white light may not push
through, scattering its personality to the

"The *Flash* and the *Warrior*," which of us former members of *Am. Idol*, Brian Ecker, wrote. He's a light-weight champ (160 lbs.), but definitely he might be placed, though not necessarily according to the

He also borrowed Steiner and wife's car to park their huge mobile home in the 24th street.

The law I found, the Gossomers have unpacked their bags and boxes in pouring rain—no more waiting.

The economic saga of the OHS glides in the news week

Brothers who have identified the signs have had no such leak information.

I am told that this sign, who is said to be now working for a broadcast network, really has a reputation with women.

According to some sources, a rhinoceros-like figure with a mouthed mouth nearly cost the FBI a big case.

The woman's husband, a well-known business man, discovered the affair and found the signs.

Apparently, the state husband has already begun his criminal work.

Attacking broadcasting providers such as the two from logging about a cable operator.

"This is a down stick," he said when a

"Mobility is also going another way."

speeches. "Of course, but that is not the argument," Jack said.

SPORTSWATCH

S/C 'Rumbun' derby resumes
THE SAN JUAN COLLEGE ELIMINATIONS OF
the PSL Summer National Rumbun Derby

The study was done at a time when the health care system was still recovering from the problems experienced in the early 1990s.

Louise Wain, Chair of Policy, Institute for Health and Social Policy, University of York

of Kellogg, from Tuesday through and Golf Club
only before the quarter on Monday through 5.0.

Flakati 7-cock fight under way
TOP LEFT: ISLAND PRISONER THE SAKALA
cattle today in Mawla Subang/Pan & Canto 1.

Four participants had no data with free wire with either the Puffy Pillow-Medium or the

May 2003, Patrick Johnson (University of Cambridge 2003), Henry Niles (Reading Lang) and Julia Thompson (Ox. Inst. Statistics).

Eight new participants with feet straight ahead could today

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An Open Reply to COPW regarding inaccurate statements on Oil Issues

Consumer and Oil Price Watch (COPW) published an advertisement last Feb. 17, 2009, claiming that the Oil companies have not been transparent and fair in oil pricing and that the Department of Energy (DOE) and the Department of Justice (DOJ) have been "passive in the performance of their regulatory functions". The ad has been followed by a letter to Sec. Gonzales of the DOJ dated 26th Feb, supported by another advert, where COPW reiterated his earlier claims and advising oil companies on what they should do - from data submission, oil pricing and even when to purchase crude oil.

We regret that COPW's statements, which have incomplete, inaccurate and baseless information, are misleading the public and have maligned the reputation of our company.

We therefore wish to clarify on these claims, to promote transparent and factual dialogue with the general public on these important issues:

1. On COPW's plea requiring oil companies to submit information on inventories and costs:

The oil companies submit these and other information regularly to the DOE, in compliance with Sec. 12 of the Republic Act No. 8479, An Act Deregulating the Downstream Oil Industry and for Other Purposes. To advise us to do so would then be misplaced and irrelevant, as this has been an ongoing practice by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corporation ("Shell") even prior to the deregulation of the oil industry in 1998. Thus, COPW's insistence that we submit this information demonstrates their failure to understand the Deregulation Law and its nuances.

2. On COPW's statement that Shell and Petron refineries were closed in December 2008, January 2009 and up to mid February 2009.

As earlier advised to the DOE, the Shell refinery is currently on regular annual maintenance shutdown, but NOT during the periods December 2008-January 2009, as stated in COPW's ad.

3. On COPW's statement that the basis for oil pricing should be Dubai and New York Mercantile Exchange Index (NYMEX) during the periods when refineries are in operation:

Firstly, the reference price marker in Asia as globally known is not NYMEX, but the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS).

Secondly, and more importantly, COPW's pricing method is inaccurate, as it is based on crude cost, which was only appropriate during the regulated period when the players were oil refiners. Most of the petroleum products sold then came from locally refined crude. Since deregulation, the local oil industry landscape has dramatically changed. The proportion of imported finished products has increased significantly. These are valued based on MOPS (Mean of Platts Singapore) and not based on crude costs. MOPS based pricing ensures that local refineries remain competitive; such that the pricing of locally produced products are at par with imported finished products. This also ensures that at times when refinery production costs are higher, these are not unnecessarily passed on to the local consumer.

4. On COPW's statement that we should have bought crude in advance for March and April 2009 to take advantage of the low prices in February 2009. He stated NYMEX costs of \$ 33.98 per barrel and \$ 37.51 per barrel for March and April deliveries, respectively:

Firstly, if we bought crude in advance during this period, the prices would have been much higher than the prices quoted by COPW because the expectation during that time (and even up to now) was for crude prices to increase, due to OPEC reductions and the stimulus plans in various countries.

Secondly, buying crude in advance at fixed prices is a practice that is discouraged within Shell, as this would be tantamount to speculation and would therefore be subject to substantial financial risks. No one really knows how crude prices will behave, these can go higher or lower, and since Shell buys a substantial volume per month, a slight difference in actual price could therefore result in huge gains or losses. Shell, therefore, takes a prudent approach in order to avoid taking unnecessary risks.

Pilipinas Shell is appealing to COPW to ensure accuracy of its data and claims to avoid misleading the public. Their unfair and unfounded charges send a wrong signal to both the local and international business community, which values consumer advocacy based on correct, well-studied and thoroughly evaluated data sources.

Any party or individual can claim to have the noble duty of 'protecting public interest' and promoting 'common good' - but we believe it should not be accomplished based on unsubstantiated claims, particularly when the party has not taken any direct stakes in the industry by which the claims were being made. The challenge is taking accountability and utmost responsibility, particularly in conveying information - primarily for those affecting people's daily lives. To mislead the Filipino public is contrary to COPW's professed intentions of serving and protecting consumers. Public responsibility demands that COPW admits its factual mistakes, correct its wrong data and conclusions so that the public may know the truth about the issues.

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Parents file raps against teacher

By Nancy C. Canajal

A GRADE 7 TEACHER OF A PRIVATE school in Quezon City has been charged with child abuse by the parents of one of its students, a 13-year-old girl.

Chief Insp. Cherry Lee Orosco, head of the Internal Investigation Division of the Quezon City Police Office, identified the teacher as Rodelinda Sanchez, 36, a housewife and co-teacher at Jesus Christ School on R. Rodriguez St., Alibon, Calabarzon City.

Orosco said the girl's parents filed a complaint against Sanchez on Monday after the teacher found out that her daughter was in a relationship with her based on photos she made in her diary.

The girl said she and Sanchez had a dating "relationship" since she became his girlfriend on Feb. 14, Valentine's Day.

The parents of the girl accused Sanchez of taking advantage of their daughter within the school premises, "because she is a teacher," because she is a teacher.

Republic Act 7610 is the Special Protection of Children Against Child Abuse, Exploitation and Discrimination Act. Child abuse or maltreatment, whether physical or not, by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare.

Details said Sanchez was immediately suspended by school officials after they learned of the accusations against her.

This was confirmed by Romeo Dagupan, the head of the school's human resources department.

"We have been suspended and did not report

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Cop, cousin found guilty of homicide

By John M. Arcilla

A QUEZON CITY COURT YESTERDAY sentenced a police officer and his cousin to six years in prison for killing a traffic police officer in 2005.

In a 14-page decision, Judge Thomas Tordes of Quezon Regional Trial Court Branch 81 also ordered Reps. Jose Sison and Christian Bugno, a KKKK driver, to pay the victim's heirs nearly P100,000 in damages.

Sison, who was assigned at the President General's office in Baguio, was found guilty of homicide and sentenced to six years in prison for the killing, and Bugno was previously charged with homicide for the death of Sison's wife.

The court, however, found the two men guilty of homicide and sentenced them to a six-month prison term at the police station, with a fine of P100,000 in damages.

"It is the conclusion of the court that the killing is not attended by treachery... The court is inclined to believe that there was an exchange of weapons between the victim and the accused before the shooting," part of the ruling read.

The judge ordered the two men to pay Dagupan's heirs P115,000 in actual damages, P75,000 in moral damages and P100,000 in total damages.

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Man's suicide note erases cops' doubts

METROBRIEFS

By Jonno D. Andrade

A 19-YEAR-OLD MAN SUICIDED himself in the south island of the Manila-Java-Davao (MJD) bus terminal in Manila, and his suicide note, which read, "This is not a joke," erased cops' doubts.

Manila Police District 1 (MPD-1) officers, who were on duty at the Manila-Java-Davao bus terminal in Manila, said they were alerted to the suicide of a 19-year-old man by a 19-year-old man who was found lying on the ground in front of the bus terminal. The man was found by a 19-year-old man who was found lying on the ground in front of the bus terminal.

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A makeshift shelter set up for a man who was found lying on the ground in front of the Manila-Java-Davao bus terminal.

Boy finds fetus

AN 11-YEAR-OLD BOY who was looking for food found a fetus in a trash can in Manila, and he brought it to his mother, who then brought it to the Manila-Java-Davao bus terminal.

Wanted man arrested

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Police ask public to beware of robbers posing as maids

By Jonno D. Andrade

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San Mateo landfill operations 'disastrous,' says group

By Di Yap

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Spanish poems liven up drab MRT coaches through 'Berso sa Metro'

By Mark Roman

THE MRT TRAINS have been livened up with Spanish poems, and the passengers are enjoying them.



Cop, cousin found guilty

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Milo Naval designs from trash



Sofa made of steel, moss? Movement & designer gives simple solutions to global crisis

DECONSTRUCTED chair made from scrap metal



By Rowena C. Burgos

FOR MILO NAVAL, IT'S REWARDING trying to find creative type for junk.

In his first solo exhibit, "The Redesign: From zero to hero," Naval presents 40 chairs, tables and lamps constructed from the remains and pieces of everyday life.

By salvaging discarded items for better creations, Naval has shown an elegant and straightforward line between their old and new purposes.

His easy, innovative and engaging designs include a movable outdoor sofa made of steel and moss.

"It's not as comfortable as a regular sofa, but it's my way of making people more aware of global warming," Naval says.

There are also deconstructed wood chairs with side table made from scrap metal; a wooden organizer with several drawers tied together; a chair with

DOPE made of soda cans and wire tubes

recycled upholstery; a lamp designed with plastic bottles and wooden base; a deconstructed chair made of plastic bottles; a table with wooden frame and made of wire tubes; tables made of wire and steel from Philippine outdoor furniture made of steel frame; wire of which is made of rubber objects; chairs made of soda cans and the table; and a sofa made of fabric leaves from some trees "which have to be constantly maintained as the leaves will rot," Naval says.

The artist also had ideas with acrylic paints, which give viewers "the impression that one is standing in a forest."

Support for recycling

Naval started work on them last year in his basement in Leganes. The pieces were to be displayed at the Center for International Trade Relations and Museum but the event was cancelled. In return, UN University Plaza United Road, Manila, he created some.

For Naval, a number of Museum is, the exhibit is an opportunity to raise people's consciousness about recycling.

"We've been doing this for a long time but the support of people has not been that strong," he says.

With the global crisis, designers are geared toward helping solve the problem. Designers may come up with things

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